(b) the quantity allotted and the quantity lifted during the last three months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The Kerala Government has demanded 1,50,000 tonnes of rice per month for distribution under PDS.

(b) The following quantity of rice was allotted and lifted by the Kerala Government during the months August, 1992 to October, 1992 :

(In '000)

Month	Allotted	Lifted
August, 92	150.00	182.1
September, 92	170.00	162.3
October, 92 (Provisional)	150.00	138.8

Rice Quota for Andhra Pradesh

@@1833. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have accepted to increase rice quota from the central pool to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Allocation of rice to States/Union Territories for distribution through P.D.S. is made on the basis of a number of factors like stock position in the Central Pool, likely procurement during the year, relative needs of the various States, etc. The allocations for P.D.S. are supplemental in nature and, therefore, it is not possible to meet the entire demands of the States/Union Territories. Allocation of rice to Andhra Pradesh will be made keeping in consideration these factors.

Setting up of New Sugar Factories

1834. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee on sugarcane have urged upon the Government to stop setting up of new sugar factories during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have carried out any survey for exporting sugar to foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the results of the survey and action taken thereon ?

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 542, transferred from 26-11-92.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Food is not aware of any Committee on Sugarcane which has urged upon/recommended to the Government to stop setting up of new sugar factories during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

1835. [Transferred to 14th December, 19921

गेहूं की खरीद

1836. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान कुल कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं खरीदा गया ; और

(ख) इस समय किसानों को किस दर पर भुगतान किया जा रहा है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम, 1992–93 (अप्रैल-मार्च) के दौरान 27–11–1992 तक 63.80 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं की वसूली की गई है।

(ख) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम, 1992–93 के दौरान किसानों को गेहूं का 275/– रुपये प्रति क्विंटल का वसूली मूल्य अदा किया गया है जिसमें 250/– रुपये का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य और केन्द्रीय